

LIFE AT THE FURNACE SEMINAR, OCTOBER 2026

Programme

Thursday 22nd October, Room 8B.1.14, KUA3 1st floor (University of Copenhagen Amager/ Søndre Campus)

9.40	Arrival for coffee and croissants
10.00	Angus Graham / Kristina Winther-Jacobsen: **Welcome**
10.15	Myrsini Gkouma: **The Geoarchaeological Aspect of Life at the Furnace: Implications for Environment, Land Use, and the Distribution of Archaeological Finds**
11.15	Kristina Winther-Jacobsen: **Surface survey in the Peristerona Valley and Agia Marina Xyliatou North**
11.45	Break
12.00	Zoran Peric / Amber Hood: **Quartz OSL dating in the Mesaoria Basin, Cyprus: Results and challenges**
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Angus Graham / Ole Risbøl: ***Fuel for the Furnace: charcoal? wood? where?***
14.00	Roser Marsal: **Water management at Agia Marina Xyliatou-Mavrovouni: interpreting an interconnected archaeological landscape**
14.30	Panagiotis Koullouros: **Anthracological Analysis of the Peristerona Valley**
15:00	Georgia Kasapidou: **Investigating past vegetation through phytoliths**
15.30	Coffee break
16.00	John Bintliff: **Economy and Urbanism in the Greco-Roman World: Insights from the ERC Empire of 2000 Cities Project**

Under the Roman Empire, largescale economic systems were a mixture of state and private institutions. Mines were largely under state control, but like other interregional productive

entities such as supplying great cities and the border armies with food, the everyday working was farmed out to private entrepreneurs, a wealthy class combining elite families and nouveaux-riches.

The ERC project *An Empire of 2000 Cities,* managed by Luuk de Ligt and the author at Leiden University, has used a large research team to catalogue all known cities of the High Imperial era, but has been using that database to explore the geographical patterns that Roman urbanism exposes, and has this revealed the underlying economic and social structures that set Roman life apart from their predecessors in the Greek city or polis world.

17:30 Departure for dinner

17:45-18:00 Arrival at "Vækst" for dinner (Sankt Peders Stræde 34, 1453 Copenhagen K)

Friday 23rd October, Room 8B.2.03, KUA3 2nd floor (University of Copenhagen Amager/ Søndre Campus)

9:30 Tønnes Bekker-Nielsen: **Life at the roadside: Surveying ancient roads in central Cyprus**

10:00 Catherine Keane: **From mines to plains: Churches on the Roman roads of the western Mesaoria, Cyprus**

10:30 Marie-Louise Jahn Hansen: **Connecting the hinterlands with the sea: Reintroducing pottery from Soli.**

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 John Lund: **What I hope to find out**

12:00 Ellon Souter: **Ground stone tools and copper processing at Ayia Marina Xyliatou-Mavrovouni**

12.30 Lunch

13.30-17:00 Panel discussions of publications in preparation

13.30-14:15 Myrsini (lead), Zoran, Evi, Georgia, Panagiotis, Angus: ***Landscapes of the Peristerona Valley and beyond*** (mediator: Kristina)

14:15-15:00 Ellon (lead), Kristina: ***Stone tools and copper production*** (mediator: Angus)

15.00 Coffee break

15:30-16:15 Roser (lead), Angus, and Marie-Louise: ***Water management infrastructure at Agia Marina Xyliatou-Mavrovouni*** (mediator: Kristina)

16:15-17:00 Catherine (lead), Tønnes, Kristina: ***Early Christian Landscapes and infrastructure*** (mediator: Angus)

17:00 Final reflections on LAF results and forthcoming publications (John Bintliff and Michael Given)

Dinner on Friday is at participant's expense - we can meet e.g. at 19.00.